

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR THE  
UTAH SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND**

**June 8, 2018**

A meeting of the Utah State Board of Education acting as the Governing Board for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind was held June 8, 2018 at the Utah State Board of Education Building, 250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chair Mark Huntsman presided.

**Members Present:**

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| Chair Mark Huntsman               | Member Jennifer Graviet  |
| First Vice Chair Brittney Cummins | Member Carol Barlow Lear |
| Second Vice Chair Alisa Ellis     | Member Scott B. Neilson  |
| Member Michelle Boulter           | Member Kathleen Riebe    |
| Member Janet A. Cannon            | Member Spencer F. Stokes |
| Member Lisa Cummins               | Member Terryl Warner     |
| Member Alisa Ellis                |                          |

**Members Absent:**

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| Member Laura Belnap    | Member Joel Wright |
| Member Linda B. Hansen |                    |

**USDB Staff Present:**

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| Joel Coleman, Superintendent     | Carl Empey, Finance Director |
| Michelle Tanner, Associate Supt. | Karen Borg                   |

**Call to Order**

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION** was made by Member Ellis and seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the May 4, 2018 USDB Board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Monthly Budget Report**

USDB Finance Director Carl Empey gave the monthly budget report. He responded to questions about donated funds.

**FY 2019 Enrichment Fund Project List**

**MOTION** was made by Member B. Cummins and seconded that the Board approve the FY 2019 Enrichment Fund Project List.

Superintendent Coleman updated the Board on the USDB Advisory Council's review of the list, and indicated the Council approved all items.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Board Policy 4001 – Board Governance for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB)**

Utah State Board of Education Law and Licensing Committee Vice Chair Terryl Warner reported on Board Policy 4001, which was reviewed by the Committee in its May 4 meeting.

The rule provides basic internal rules and procedures regarding the Board's oversight over USDB, and since the policy was enacted the Board's procedures have changed. The policy was updated to reflect the Board's current practices.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve Board Policy 4001, with Article V, Section 2 removed.

Motion carried.

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Joel Coleman reported on the following:

- The school's new campus will be open in August.
- The USDB Foundation met yesterday and elected Derek Brown as its Chair and Leslie Castle as its Vice Chair.
- USDB staff member Robin Clark has won an award on teaching STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) to USDB students.

- A communication was sent to the Board today on media coverage USDB has been receiving.
- USDB will be hosting a conference of the American Society of Deaf Children on June 21-23. Board members were invited to attend.
- Board members Carol Lear, Kathleen Riebe, and Mark Huntsman were thanked for attending the USDB gradation this year.
- Associate Superintendent Michelle Tanner reported that she attended the National Deaf Center Conference where education and employment data for deaf students was reported, and of the 52 states reported, Utah ranks #1 for high school completion for deaf students at 92.5 percent—a higher rate than for hearing students. Utah also ranks #4 for employment rate.

### **Executive Session**

**MOTION** was made by Member L. Cummins and seconded that the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals.

Upon voice vote of Members Boulter, Cannon, B. Cummins, L. Cummins, Ellis, Graviet, Huntsman, Lear, Neilson, Riebe, Stokes and Warner, the Board went into closed Executive Session at 1:11 p.m.

Those present included the Board members above and Joel Coleman, Dana Powers and Lorraine Austin.

**MOTION** was made by Member L. Cummins and seconded that the Board come out of Executive Session.

Motion carried. The Board reconvened in open meeting at 1:43 p.m.

### **USDB Advisory Council Appointments**

**MOTION** was made by Member Stokes and seconded that the Board appoint the following to the USDB Advisory Council for two-year terms: Philippe Montalette, representing deaf or hard of hearing adults; Sterling Hilton, representing parents of a deaf-blind child; Bill

Clapp, representing blind or visually impaired adults; and Karen Harrop, representing persons with interest in or knowledge of deaf, blind or deaf-blind.

Motion carried, with Members Boulter, Cannon, B. Cummins, Ellis, Gravier, Huntsman, Stokes and Warner in favor; Members L. Cummins, Lear, Neilson and Riebe absent.

### **USDB Superintendent Reappointment**

**MOTION** was made by Member Boulter and seconded that the Board reappoint Joel Coleman as the Superintendent of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

Motion carried, with Members Boulter, Cannon, B. Cummins, Ellis, Gravier, Huntsman, Stokes and Warner in favor; Members L. Cummins, Lear, Neilson and Riebe absent.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary  
Minutes approved August 3, 2018